

**KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES***

*October 23, 2025
Zoom (Call-in) Conference
(Approved 12/18/2025)*

King Street Center, Eighth Floor – Rm 8F
201 S Jackson Street, Seattle, WA 98104

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Dean Kralios, Chair, Jeff Murdock, Vice-Chair, Cecelia Gunn, Huy Pham, Francesca Renouard

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Richard Anderson, Laura Murphy

STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Steen, Jennifer Meisner

GUESTS: Brian Rich, Jennifer Potter, Sean Waldron, Tom Hitzroth, Russ Coil, Emily Lawsin, Maisha Barnett

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Kralios called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m. Introductions of commissioners and staff were made, and the Chair outlined the structure of the hearing.

Convene SNOQUALMIE LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER: *vacant*

CITY STAFF PRESENT: None

GUESTS: Brian Rich

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS #25.21: Snoqualmie Depot, 38625 SE King Street – ground level perimeter platform addition, modification to non-historic exterior stairs

Steen presented the staff report, which described the history of the depot building, its current use as the Northwest Railway Museum, and the proposal to build a ground-level platform around the building's south end. Applicant and architect Brian Rich presented his drawing set for the new platform and plans an altered non-historic set of stairs accessing the existing depot platform. He also described the proposed replacement of the wooden railing on the south end stairs with steel pipe railing painted black.

Chair Kralios opened the floor for public comment and asked if the commissioners had any questions for the applicant or staff. Hearing no questions or comments, Kralios closed the public comment period and asked the commissioners to discuss the project. Kralios commented that he supported the proposed platform, stairs adjustment, and new railing installation, noting that the new pipe rail was compatible and visually less heavy than the existing non-historic wood railing. He also said the new wood pathway around the building would have minimal impact on the historic site and could be easily removed. Commissioner Gunn commented that she appreciated the creativity of adding a ground platform to improve ADA access and address the code requirements involving platform height. Commissioner Murdock agreed.

*May include minutes for cities who have interlocal historic preservation agreements with King County.

Gunn/Murdock moved to approve CoA #25.21 as presented at the Commission meeting. The motion passed, 7-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*general*): None

ADJOURN: The SLC adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Convene KING COUNTY LANDMARKS COMMISSION

OTHER BUSINESS: Feedback request on preliminary design set for Vashon Grange Hall.

Property owner Jennifer Potter and project architect Sean Waldron presented their preliminary plans to rehabilitate the Vashon Grange Hall for use as a local market and café space. Jennifer described her years of planning to purchase, designate, and adapt the grange hall into a market and showcase for local businesses serving the north end of Vashon Island. The main points of discussion involved the proposed timber-frame extension of the visible remnant of the original gable end of the hall; the installation of skylights and new entry doors; and new exterior covered spaces.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S REPORT: HPO Jennifer Meisner reported to the Commission about the successful CAMP training workshop, quickly reviewing the topics presented and thanking Commissioners for taking the time to attend. Meisner also announced that the annual Spellman Awards would be held on November 21st at the Lake Wilderness Lodge in Maple Valley.

PUBLIC COMMENT (*general*): None

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURN: The KCLC adjourned at 5:40 p.m.